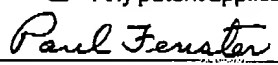


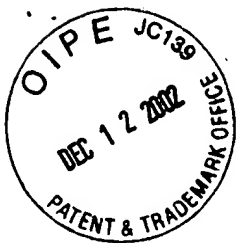
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Invention: <b>FLAT WING ORTHOPEDIC FASTENER</b>					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to an office action dated October 16, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly replace the present claim 34 with the following claim in clean form:

34. (Amended) An orthopedic fastening system comprising:

(a) an elongate fastener adapted for installation into a bore in a bone and comprising a collet engaging surface:

(b) a single winged element pivotally engaged with a first end of the elongate fastener such that it is pivotable about an axis adjacent said first end and having a planar outer portion with a width substantially parallel to said axis and a length larger than the diameter of the bore into which the fastener is to be installed; and

(c) a collet engaged with a second end of the elongate fastener.

**REMARKS**

Claim 34 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Dzus in US Patent 2,485,531. Applicant respectfully notes that the above-noted amendment uses the